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Sincerely,

Brooke Raymond

James and Joan Fields-Cox  
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This request is, in my opinion, a naked power grab that vitiates further the rights and liberties of Americans while doing nothing to help prevent terrorism or other crimes. We already have laws on the books requiring ISPs and telcos to let the FBI conduct surveillance.

This request would make the uninformed believe the FBI and other governmental agencies are suffering from a dearth of information. Quite the contrary -- according to many civil libertarians, they're \*drowning\* in it, but have no clue how to organize and use it effectively. Why should Americans forfeit their liberties merely because federal law enforcement can't get its act together?

In fact, this proposal stands to \*increase\* crime, not decrease it. If the DoJ manages to force communications providers to build "backdoors" into their systems through which users can be spied upon, how long will it be before malicious hackers figure how to get into those backdoors, enabling them to steal everything from credit card numbers to classified government information?

By now, more than two and one-half years after the September 11th attacks, the claim that if certain things happen or don't happen, "the terrorists have won" has become a worn cliché. But the DoJ's continued attempts to whittle away at the rights of its citizens in the guise of protecting us from terrorists reminds me sharply of the Vietnam-era logic of "burning the village in order to save it."

Very truly yours,

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